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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant wishes to bring the documents, listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner. The documents were cited by a competitor, the Elektrosil company, in a cancellation proceeding brought against the European counterpart, EP 1,481,458, of the present US application. DE 200 19 289-U1 is a German Utility Model, believed to correspond to US SN 09/716,745, **now abandoned**. It is unclear to the undersigned whether SN 09/716,745 ever was accessible to the public, prior to the US filing date of the present application on 1 SEP. 2004 or prior to the PCT filing date of 11 FEB. 2003.

A continuation-in-part of SN 09/716,745, SN 10/916,506, was filed 12 AUG. 2004, published on 20 JAN. 2005, and matured into USP 7,362,021, granted 22 APR. 2008. Although SN 10/916,506 was filed about 2 weeks prior to the present application's US filing on 1 SEP. 2004, the present application has a PCT filing date 11 FEB. 2003, and thus substantially pre-dates SN 10/916,506. USP 7,362,021 is believed NOT to be prior art.

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REMARKS

Please note that USP 7,362,021 has FIGS. 3-5 **not found** in DE 200 19 289-U1. This explanation suffices to make the relevance of the documents apparent. **Therefore, this submission complies with MPEP § 609.**

No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown, art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider the documents cited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to **return an initialled copy** of form PTO-1449, to confirm that the references have been considered.

A fee has already been submitted for the IDS filed 10 OCT. 2010. If any additional fee is required, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-4732.

Respectfully submitted,

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